

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are in the case. Claim 13 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim 13 has been objected to due to informalities. Claim 13 has been amended in order to cure the typo pointed out by the Examiner.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,241,724 (Fleischman et al.). Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Fleischman et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,569,160 (Goldin et al.). Claim 3 and 16-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) As being unpatentable over Fleischman et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,638,418 (Douglas et al.).

As set forth in earlier responses, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the basis of these rejections and would like the opportunity to address on the merits on appeal.

Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested.

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